

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before any other Member begins, I would like to know whether there is any Member who wants to move for the extension of time, because the time fixed by the Business Advisory Committee has expired.

An HON'BLE MEMBER.—I move :
"That the time be extended."

Mr. SPEAKER.—I suppose the sense of the House is in favour of the extension of time limit.

The time for the consideration of the Bill is extended.

*Sri V. S. PATIL.—Sir, this is a very short Bill and it requires very little elaboration. But if we look to the history of this Bill ..

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Member will kindly pardon me, I would like to know if you are supporting the Bill? I do not know whether we should extend it by criticising the other aspects of the other Bill.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—Sir, I am not referring to the other aspects of the other Bill at all. I am referring only to this Bill. By these extensions which are being done every year or every half-year, the people who are made to suffer, I think, have no voice in this House. That is the main difficulty. Because almost 99 per cent of the representatives come here and they come of the vested interests...

Mr. SPEAKER.—I do not know whether he is making a correct analysis.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—That is my experience. As for the other Bill which has to come into force, we worked on that for capacity two years. And what is the result? The result, is the even though it was passed, it have been brought into force at all, and though the Bill has been assented to by the President, still the Government wants to adjourn the application for one year more. This shows that there is something wrong in the policies of the Ruling Party. Otherwise,...

(At this stage the Hon'ble member Sri K. Lakkappa crossed the floor.)

The Members should be made to know that there are certain rules which we have to observe...

Mr. SPEAKER.—I suppose every Member is expected to know that. I am not expected to lecture on that.

Sri V. S. PATIL.—I had even made a suggestion that when we are elected, there should be some class and some tests also should be held.

So far as the suspension of the execution of the Bombay Act in the Bombay area is concerned, there is the neighbouring area of Maharashtra where thousands of peasants have become owners of land. They have paid the price to the land lords and the landlords are happy and have started new business. They have severed connection with their lands and have received the money due to them. The tenants have become owners and are cultivating the land as owners in the neighbouring villages bordering our area. What is the condition of the people on this side of the border? They are still in suspense.

5-00 P.M.

Everything is in a liquid state. We are not sure where we are and whether the tenants are going to get the lands or whether they are going to be evicted. Nothing is sure. That is why I say that this sort of a Bill should not be brought here. Let the various laws take their effect and the people in the Bombay or Hyderabad area get their rights established and we should not come in the way of the poor cultivators there. The net result of this suspended animation is that productivity of land has greatly suffered because nobody cares to attend to the land. The owner feels that the land may be taken away from him and given to the tenants and the tenant feels that the land may be taken away from him by the landlord. Under such conditions, production has suffered a great deal. I understand there is a stalemate in the Ministry. Let the Ministry have a definite policy and enforce measures which have been decided upon and which are to the good of the people. This kind of periodical suspension would do no good to anybody. The history of the land reforms in this State would make an interesting reading. If somebody takes to his mind to write the history of reforms in this country,